

Arizona State Board for Charter Schools

July 28, 2003

Arizona Department of Education

Room 417

1535 W. Jefferson Street

Phoenix, AZ 85007

MINUTES

Members Present

Onnie Shekerjian – President
Mary Gifford – Superintendent’s Designee
George Abarca—Public Member
Sally Kur – Public Member
Kimberly Mosher—Public Member

Members Absent

Kurt Davis– Vice President
Cookie Goddard – Public Member
Mary Lynn Kelly—Business Member
Paul Smiley—Business Member

Senator Linda Aguirre – Advisory
Representative John Huppenthal – Advisory
Representative Ted Carpenter—Advisory

Meeting began at 9:09 AM

Agenda Item A—Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Item B—Moment of Silence

Agenda Item C—Roll Call: Traci Sawyer-Sinkbeil called the roll and confirmed a quorum.

****Hearing began 9:15 AM****

Agenda Item D—Technical Vocational High School, Inc.

Public hearing pursuant to the Notice of Appeal filed on or about May 20, 2003 by counsel for Technical Vocational High School, Inc. to consider the appeal of the Board’s decision on April 14, 2003 under A.R.S. 15-183.C.2 to reject the application to establish a charter school and not approve a charter because the charter application failed to meet the requirements of Title 15, Article 8 due to the lack of special education expenses in the budget, lack of academic measurement criteria, lack of expenses budgeted for instructional supplies, lack of expenses for connectivity for web based curriculum and because the budget is contingent upon federal stimulus funds not yet received.

MOTION

Motion made by Mary Gifford to deny the appeal of the Board’s decision on April 14, 2003 under A.R.S. 15-183.C.2 and to reject the application to establish a charter school and not approve a charter. Motion seconded by George Abarca.

Motion passes unanimously

****Hearing ends at 11:00 AM****

Board Meeting Breaks from 11:00 to 11:20 AM

Agenda Item B--Superintendent’s Report

No report was given

Agenda Item F--Executive Director's Report

Kristen Jordison reported on the progress of the No Child Left Behind/Arizona Learns Study Committee. She stated that the committee has met several times over the past few months.

Kristen also informed the Board of an additional study session, which will be held on August 7th from 8 to 11am. Jeannie Allen from the Center for Education Reform will be speaking on Other Sponsors/Self Funding. Several legislators, representatives from the Governor's office, mayors, and charter operators have been invited to participate.

Kristen handed to the Board, information regarding the Release of Audit Guidelines and Questionnaires. No action was needed.

Agenda Item G-- Consent Agenda

Onnie Shekerjian requested that Consent Agenda Items 1, 4, 5, and 7 be removed from the consent agenda.

1. **4-Winds Academy, Inc.**—Changes in grade levels served.

MOTION

Motion made by Mary Gifford, to approve Item 1 of the consent agenda and delete the statement from the amendment that states "students attending school starting at 5:00pm and ending at 9:15pm, Monday through Thursday for 890 hours", from the amendment request. Motion seconded by Kimberly Mosher.

Motion passes unanimously

4. **CASY Country Day School**—Changes in grade levels served

MOTION

Motion made by Mary Gifford, to approve Item 4 of the consent agenda. Motion seconded by Sally Kur.

Motion passes unanimously

5. **Flagstaff Unified School District Charter School Board dba Mountain English Spanish Academy of Flagstaff**—Changes in grade levels served.

After receiving information from Kristen Jordison and discussion among its members, the board did not act upon this request because the school was already approved for the grade levels requested at the time of its application. New curriculum was requested and was provided to staff.

No action required.

7. **Griffin Foundation, Inc. dba Children Reaching for the Sky**—Changes in grade levels served.

Kristen informed the Board that she placed this item back on the agenda from being removed at the July 14th Board meeting. The Board tabled this item because the school had not submitted their annual financial audit at the time of the meeting. As of this meeting, the audit is still not in. Item removed from the agenda.

2. **4-Winds Academy, Inc.**—Changes in school calendar involving the number of days of instruction.
3. **Carmel Community Arts and Technology**—Changes in school calendar involving the number of days of instruction.
6. **Flagstaff Unified School District Charter School Board dba Mountain English Spanish Academy of Flagstaff**—Changes in methods used to measure pupil progress.
8. **Gold Canyon College Preparatory**—Request for an extension of opening to the fall of 2004.
9. **Harvest Power Community Development Group dba Harvest Preparatory Academy**—Changes in grade levels served.
10. **James Sandoval Preparatory High School**—Changes in school description/mission
11. **James Sandoval Preparatory High School**—Changes in curriculum and instruction.
12. **James Sandoval Preparatory High School**—Changes in school calendar involving the number of days of instruction.
13. **Luz Social Services, Inc.**— Change in the legal status of the Charter Operator and change in ownership of the Charter Operator from Luz Social Services, Inc. to Luz Academy of Tucson, Inc.
14. **Phoenix School of Academic Excellence**—Changes in grade levels served.
15. **ReInventEd, Inc.**—Changes in members of the governing body of the corporate entity.
16. **ReInventEd, Inc.**—Changes in the members of the shareholders of the corporate entity.
17. **Rolling Hills Charter School dba Paulden Elementary School**—Changes in grade levels served.
18. **Sierra Oaks School, Inc.**—Changes in grade levels served.
19. **Telesis Preparatory Academy**-- Change in the legal status of the Charter Operator and change in ownership of the Charter Operator from Telesis Preparatory Academy to Telesis Center for Learning, Inc.

MOTION

Motion made by Mary Gifford, approve Items 2, 3, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, and 19 on the Consent Agenda. Motion seconded by Kimberly Mosher.

Motion passes unanimously

Agenda Item H--Technology Assisted Project-based Instruction Program— Consideration of information provided by the evaluation team on each schools ability to implement the program as described in the application and action on the final selection of charter schools to participate in the Technology Assisted Project-based Instruction Program pursuant to HB 2093:

Kristen informed the Board that the review committee met with the top six finalists and viewed a structured demonstration of each distance-learning program. Since the top five schools demonstrated the ability to implement their described program no action was necessary as the Board had approved these schools at the July 14, 2003 meeting.

The review committee was comprised of Chris Castillo, Arizona Department of Education, Technology Department, Kimberly Mosher, Board Member, and Kristen Jordison.

Agenda Item I--Discussion and possible action on the Board's response to each finding of the Auditor General's report draft of the performance of the Board. Pursuant to ARS 38-431.03.A.2 and 41-1279.05, the Board may vote to go into Executive Session, which will not be open to the public, for receipt and discussion of the Auditor General's report draft.

**BOARD CONVENES AN EXECUTIVE SESSION
AT 11:35 AM**

**BOARD RESUMES GENERAL MEETING AT
3:30 PM**

Agenda Item J—Approval of Minutes:

June 9, 2003
July 14, 2003

Board members Mary Gifford and Sally Kur abstained themselves from any discussion on the Technology Assisted Project-based Instruction Program due to a conflict of interest.

Technology Assisted Project-based Instruction Program approved schools:

- 1. Sierra Vista Charter School, Inc.**
- 2. Phoenix Special Programs, Inc.**
- 3. Humanities and Sciences Institute, Inc.**
- 4. Pinnacle Education, Inc.**
- 5. Primavera Technical Learning Center**

MOTION

Motion made by Mary Gifford to go into executive session for receipt and discussion of the Auditor General's report draft. Motion seconded by Kimberly Mosher.

Motion passes unanimously

MOTION

Motion made by Sally Kur to accept the staff recommendations on the Sunset Audit of the Auditor General's report. Motion seconded by Kimberly Mosher.

Motion passes unanimously

Items were tabled until the September 8, 2003 meeting.

Agenda Item K—Call to the Public

No request forms submitted.

Agenda Item L—Adjournment

MOTION

Motion by Mary Gifford to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Kimberly Mosher.

Motion passes unanimously

The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:15pm

Signature

Date